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Good evening Darling;

I have just returned from the theatre where I saw the film titled "The Crime Doctor's Courage". My reaction to it was that anyone in the audience who stayed through the whole picture had much more courage than did Warner Baxter, the Crime Doctor, or that person was trapped in the midst of mass of humanity, as I was, and couldn't get out without trampling people to death. It was really a stinkeroo which continually threatened the audience with vampires a la Lugosi. If they had pulled off the old vampire gag I think I would have had a tough time going to a movie for quite a while.

Today was payday but I am not a cent richer than I was yesterday. It seems that the army finance office consistently overpays me. I was supposed to draw 38 pesos and instead they gave me 98. I told the fellow there had been a mistake so he took the money back. If I had gotten that much money I would probably have been tempted to spend it and would not have been paid for the next couple of months. As it is, I'll have to wait until the supplementary payroll is made out before I get paid that will probably be a couple of weeks. Until then I'll have to let Harry finance me through this crisis. As soon as I can get started on the cartoons again I'll be able to make a little money.

Oh, oh!! Harry is after me to put out the light because it is shining right in his eyes and he craves sleep. So I shall give you a hasty, but not so thorough, goodnight kiss and hope that I meet you in my dreams. I'll be waiting in the third cloud from the left so don't stand me up. Goodnight Darling. I love you.

Cause the down -

It is now Friday morning and I am once more waiting to go to work. I have just about finished my work on those cards I am making for the grand opening of the Officers' Club. This was my most pressing job and took quite a while to do. I'm not sure whether I like it or not. The work is done fairly well and that end of it is OK but still I think it lacks something. I won't worry too much about it though because I think it is very good amateur's work. I do not like it so

that kind of work though and would like all my work to be professionally perfect. If I ever intend to earn any money with my art I'll have to be very exacting and critical of my work. You will have to be my best critic Darling.

At last I got the story straight about why I got so much money yesterday. It seems that they forgot to put down my ~~insurance~~ bond allotments and that gave me an additional \$30. I could have taken it and the only result would have been that those bonds would not be sent home. It's just as well this way though. The battery clerk told me he'd put me on the supplementary payroll within a few days.

In having a tough time getting my afternoon off this week. I had to work for Major Capron yesterday so I couldn't get my regular afternoon off. This afternoon Daley has off so I'm out of luck there. Tomorrow I am on ~~guard~~ C.O., Sunday afternoon is my afternoon off, Monday I shall undoubtedly be on guard, and so it goes. Oh, oh! Neumann just told me that I am on C.O. Sunday instead of tomorrow. That's just lovely. I had intended to go see Dad and the boys Sunday but I guess that is out now. I found out where they are and will have to try to get a full day off to go see them as they are stationed quite a way from here. Maybe I can wangle it, so I get off early tomorrow morning and take the afternoon off too since I am not on C.O. I got troubles.

At last I got my shoes back. I got some new shoes too and they look pretty good. They are the new suede shoes which are being issued now. It's fun trying to keep them looking good. Some of the fellows succeed in getting a shine on them but it must be one hell of a job. If dubbing is put on them they get a very dirty and dingy appearance.

There should be some mail from you today. I certainly hope so Darling. I received a letter from Mom yesterday. She said that you had asked Pauline to go to Lansing, but she didn't say whether Pauline would accept or not. Arthur is getting restless at home. I was afraid he would. I have to write him a letter.

He is discouraged about prospects for getting a job. I hope he is able to get one soon. His friend Joe is trying to talk him into going on a tour of the States on Joe's motorcycle. Maybe it would be good for him to do that and get it out of his system. I know exactly what Sam's going to do when I get out of the Army. I'm going to prove an old axiom which says that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line, and get back to you just as soon as possible.

While I think of it Darling, I'd like another copy of the measurements you sent me. It seems that I lost them on my trip up here. If I should ever find anything to buy you, I'd need the measurements and sizes. You can also reverse any of the measurements which have changed at all. You are keeping everything under control aren't you? I want you to be just as you were when I was last with you. You were perfect then Darling and I wouldn't want you to change at all. You won't will you?

Your pictures - the small ones you had taken for a dime are adorning my desk under the glass top. You have quite a bit of company there because Dalry's collection of Earl Moran beauties is also there. You don't mind finding yourself in that company do you? I can assure you that they don't hold a candle to you Honey.

Time to go to work again but I'll be back very soon so don't go away. I love you.

Late evening -

Darling, I received two letters from you today. I was sure I would receive some today because it had been two days since I got your last letter.

I'm very glad that you are enjoying yourself at the cottage. But Sam said, just as you are, that if I were with you, you would be enjoying yourself very much more. We would really have an awful lot of fun Darling, making love, exploring the sand dunes, and just lazing away our time together. It would be so nice.

Hurry the people who are developing those pictures you took at the beach because I am very anxious to get them. They will be the first cheesecake photos you have sent me. Of course I have the picture Jack Osgood took of you but I had that before I left the States.

I hope you really made them good Darling. I'll be anxiously awaiting them. I remember how indignant Neva was when she was having the pictures taken in your house, the time that fellow took those colored pictures, and the fellow told her he wanted to take some sexy looking pictures because he was sure Bob would enjoy them more overseas. Now she seems to have changed her mind. That fellow was right about the kind of pictures which are most appreciated though. It will be so nice to be back where I'll have you instead of photographs. You are much nicer, believe me.

In answer to your question about what I did July 13th at the Emeralds - I went there but spent a very uneventful evening. At least I think I went. To tell you the truth, I'm not so sure whether I did or not. If I did I most likely did speak with my friend of the black velvet dress - Hum! Sounds as if you're slightly worried young lady. You needn't think anything more of it because I can tell you that you have nothing to worry about. She isn't my type. I haven't been up there for over a week now and probably won't go for quite a while to come, no particular reason, I just got tired of drinking this cheap liquor and that is about all there is to do there. The only place I have gone to in the past week is the show, except for my faint into town to see Paul. I'll have to call him up and find out how he made out in his interview last Monday. He was to go before a Judge Advocates General's board for the purpose of seeing if he could go to the Judge Advocate General's School in Ann Arbor, Michigan. I hope he is able to make it because he's a damned nice fellow.

It sounds as though you were getting a slight sun burn. Of course you call it a slight pinkness but it all amounts to the same thing. I hardly ever burn but usually get a very dark tan. Was your back very tender? You should use some sun tan lotion which is for the express purpose of enabling you to get a tan and at the same time, not get burned. How that can be accomplished is beyond the scope of my comprehension but the label on the bottle says it so, so.

Just what were you doing, swimming way up where other people never swim, and all alone too. When you go swimming you should be sure that there is someone around in case anything happens. Of course in this case your dad and friends were there but you had no way of knowing they would be. Have you seen these friends of yours since then.

You are becoming quite an old soak aren't you? First it was whisky at Ruth's and now it's a beer and cracker lunch with Deva. I'm surprised but I'll forgive you. To tell you the truth, I am not about taking a wee, myself. Just as long as you don't go overboard over that abominable over cigarettes that's where I put my foot down.

I'll have to pack the books I have finished and send them to you. I do want to keep the H. Allen Smith book and the books of cartoons, so I'll send them to you for safe keeping.

Pardon me, I didn't know and couldn't figure out just what could have happened the day you went to the general store to mail my letter. Then I discovered that it was the fact that you won six free games in the slot machine that had elated you so. Tch! Tch! That's my wife, good at everything. If you think that was skill and not just luck we could probably earn a lot of money playing one armed bandits from coast to coast. Of course it would be a slight gamble but then you gambled when you played that slot machine and won. Such a smart little girl.

Darling whenever you start thinking how you would like to be in my arms just remember that I am thinking of how I would like to ~~have~~ have you in my arms making love to you. I just live for the day when this will be so. Until then I send you
All the love in the world.

Freddie